

Troop 219 Informational Handout

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● UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES:

- April 21 LIFE SCOUT Seminar 7:00PM
- April 23-25 Council Camporee
- 04/30 – 05/02 OA Section C2A Conclave – Camp Miaconda, Toledo OH
- 04/30 – 05/02 First-year campout & Quartermaster Day
- May 4 Star Seminar (for Star Rank & above scouts)
- May 7-9 Dorchester International Brotherhood Camporee
- May 21 – 23 Cuwe Lodge Spring Conclave – Camp Tapico
- June 11-12-13 Summer Camp preparation campout and Court of Honor

● DORCHESTER INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD CAMPOREE (DIBC)

This annual event will run over the weekend of May 7 – 8 – 9, 2004 in Dorchester, Ontario, Canada (just outside London). Along with about 7,000 other Scouts from all over the world, our troop has attended this event almost every one of the last 9 years. This is a great fun campout for first year scouts (but it's always rainy and cold) Final cost is \$35. **Deadline to signup is NEXT WEEK – Monday, April 26th.**

With the international geo-political tension continuing, I will again require BOTH an original birth certificate with *raised seal* AND a government issued picture ID (the official MI ID card, **not a school ID**) or, alternatively, a current US Passport for ***every scout and adult*** that attends. It is impossible to predict what the border crossing will be like – last year it was quick and uneventful; and I'm sure that our traveling in official uniform with proper paperwork readily available helped. The scout motto is "be prepared" and there are few places it will make more of a difference.

The Dorchester signup sheet is attached. **NOTE this permission slip must be NOTARIZED.** (see the Scoutmaster who is a notary)

There are special links on our web site for securing replacement original birth certificates and MI State ID card (note that you need the birth certificate to get the state ID) that allow you to begin the process of making sure that you have the required documents but there is very little time left! Without exception, Scouts who show up at our Kmart meeting place without proper identification will be sent home and not be allowed to attend.

● LIFE SCOUT SEMINAR

On Wednesday evening, April 21st, there will be seminar STRICTLY for Life Rank Scouts from Troop 219. The purpose of this seminar is to provide ideas and to kick start your efforts at identifying and implementing your Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project. Be at the church by 7:00PM, there will be snacks and I don't expect the seminar to last much more than 1 hour.

● COUNCIL CAMPOREE -- SURVIVOR

Deadline to sign up is/was tonight. IN ADDITION to the Troop 219 signup form, an official BSA Class I or Class II physical form is also required upon check-in. The summer camp physical form from last year is acceptable if it has unexpired signatures. A blank Class I/II physical form will be provided tonight to each Scout that signs up to attend. Remember to meet at the K-Mart parking lot not later than 6:00PM this Friday, April 23rd, having already eaten dinner. Additional information about this camporee will be provided to patrol leaders and Scouts who sign up.

● FIRST YEAR CAMPOUT – QUARTERMASTER DAY

FOUR PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP THIS EVENT TAKE PLACE

The weekend of April 30 – May 2 has a combined event scheduled; camping at Mr. Hussar's for possibly the very last time. Older Scouts will camp at Mr. Hussar's beginning Friday night – spending Saturday

working with troop equipment and assisting with the instruction of First Year Scouts. First year Scouts arrive Saturday at 9AM and work on Tenderfoot skills. There'll be a Saturday night campfire and the combined event will end at 9:30AM on Sunday. A signup form is part of this handout.

- **PACK 158 – CEDAR FAIRS TRIP – MAY 3**

Pack 158 has extended an invitation for Scout families from our Troop to accompany them on a trip to Cedar Fair theme park in Aurora, Ohio (Formerly Six Flags). There has been a change in the parks since Cedar Fairs took over April 6 and Sea World will no longer be available to view. The ticket price is still the same for the the water and amusement park, which is \$23 per person per day. We still get the \$8.00 meal deal, and we have a \$30 reduction for hotel accommodations per night. The new price is \$159.00 per night plus tax. This includes the full breakfast buffet, parking pass, round of miniature golf, pool, arcades. Ticket money is due by Monday May 3 if any families are interested. Additional information is available from Mrs Hanson at

- **SUMMER CAMP PAYMENTS ARE NEARLY DUE**

Tall Pine Council has raised the price of Summer Camp slightly. The cost for Troop 219 is now \$210 for Scouts and \$80 for adults if paid by Monday, May 10, 2004.

The price changes to \$240 for Scouts and \$100 for adults if not fully paid by that date. This late charge is imposed by the Council. Our troop fee includes the per-scout equipment costs that are due in addition to camp fees, as well as the cost of the MANDATORY pre-camp campout, scheduled this year for the weekend of June 11-12-13, with a court of honor at camp on the night of June 12th.

SEE MR MILLER to arrange to ensure your attendance at Summer Camp at the lower cost.

SEE MR COX OR MR MILLER IMMEDIATELY if you will need troop campership funds to be able to afford the cost of summer camp. Campership funds are available but you need to make a request as early as possible. Any and all campership requests are kept strictly confidential.

- **TROOP JUNIOR LEADERSHIP – MEETING DISCIPLINE– a Scoutmaster minute**

I'm very, very pleased with the manner in which the Troop junior leaders are handling their responsibilities. I am also sympathetic to their frustration in battling issues of attention span; but as I observe it the problems are equally issues of just plain, common respect. Scout meetings have a purpose and the Scouts in leadership positions are doing their best job ever at planning and running these meetings on their own. It's my job as Scoutmaster to support and advise them in this effort.

As they will, the boys have come up with a variety of Draconian "punishments" for troop meeting behavior issues. In bygone days of Scouting, each patrol maintained its own discipline using a variety of methods that are unacceptable in our current social structure, but which were, in their defense, very effective.

As advisor to the Patrol Leaders' Council I have watched them devise a variety of plans, and worked to keep these plans within what's allowable by the "Rules for Save Scouting" our National Office guidelines for troop operational safety. It's come down to this:

The PLC has requested and I have authorized the troop junior leadership (Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leaders) to unilaterally remove a Scout from any meeting or activity where they exhibit behavior that is disruptive to the program. Parents of Scouts so removed will be informed by telephone and the Scout will be isolated from the rest of the troop until a parent or guardian arrives to take them home. If a Scout provided their own transportation to the meeting or event, their parent/guardian will be notified that they are required to leave and the Parents' instructions will then be followed.

I will be monitoring the use of this authority, but I am unlikely to countermand any individual decision of the PLC in this matter unless I am aware of a particular abuse. From this change I expect the troop junior leaders to learn the proper and responsible use of authority and the Scouts to learn proper and responsible respect for their elected leaders, and the leadership skill of being a good follower, when appropriate.

Larry Zimbler
Scoutmaster-Boy Scout Troop 219

Dorchester International Brotherhood Camporee (DIBC)

May 7 through May 9, 2003

PERMISSION SLIP & HEALTH FORM

(return with \$35 payment by Monday, April 26, 2004)

REGISTRATION:

Adult or
Scout's Name: _____

Method of Payment:

Troop Account _____
 Check (# and amt) _____
 Cash _____

_____ (name) has my permission to attend the Dorchester International Brotherhood Camporee, in Dorchester, Ontario, Canada; from Friday, May 7, 2004 through Sunday, May 9, 2004. I understand that my son will be crossing the international border between the United States and Canada and I have provided original documents demonstrating his citizenship and right to leave/enter the United States to the Scout leader in charge; and I specifically authorize the transportation of my son to this event and returning across this border in the custody of registered leaders of Boy Scout Troop 219.

Scouts should be dropped off at the southwest corner of the Fenton Kmart parking lot in time for us to depart at 3:30PM. Scouts should be picked up at this location at approximately 2:00PM on Sunday – a telephone notification will confirm the exact pickup time.

In case of emergency, notify:

Name		Relationship	
Address:			
Primary Phone:	()	Alternate Phone:	()
Physician Name:		Physician Phone:	()
Health Insurance Company:		Policy Number:	

- This scout takes no medications and has no known allergies.**
 This scout takes medication or has allergies as follows: *(Attach additional pages if necessary)*
- _____
- _____

The health information contained herein is correct so far as I know and the person herein described has permission to engage in all prescribed activities, except as noted above. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the medical provider selected by a designated representative of Troop 219, Boy Scouts of America to authorize emergency medical or surgical treatment, routine non-surgical medical care, hospitalize, secure proper anesthesia, or to order injection(s) for my child. The person herein described is in good health, has all required immunizations current, and I assume the health responsibility for the individual.

Parent/Guardian Signature		Parent/Guardian Signature	
X		X	
<small>Print Name</small>	<small>Date</small>	<small>Print Name</small>	<small>Date</small>

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2004

_____, Notary Public
 _____ County, Michigan

My commission expires: _____

ID Provided: _____